

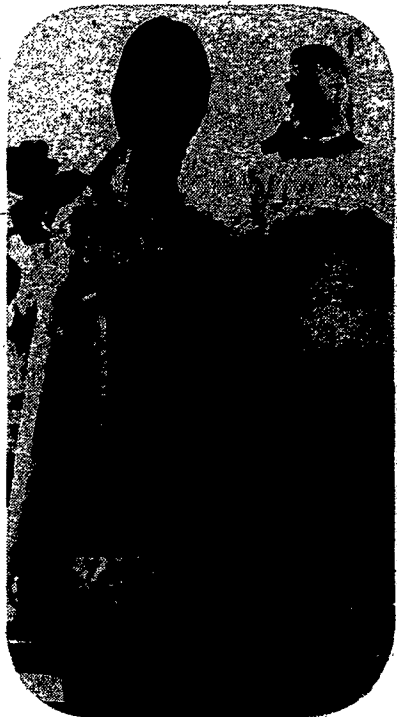


WORD FOR SUNDAY
Fr. Albert Shamon

Sunday Readings: (R1) Wis. 7:7-11. (R2) Hebr. 4:12-13. (R3) Mk. 10:17-30.

A patient comes to a skillful physician. The doctor listens to the complaints of his patient, who does not know the cause of his illness. After listening, the physician touches a tender spot, a muscle, which had been unsuspected. He pressed it and says, "There is the cause of your malady." The patient starts: he had never felt pain there before until the physician had touched the spot. But he knows at once the doctor is right. All along he had been living in ignorance of the nature of his ailment and perhaps by his habits he has been feeding it.

So in Sunday's Gospel, a young man comes to the Divine Physician. The young man knows something is wrong, but he has no idea what it is. The Physician's word, sharper than any two-edged



Bishop Thomas Hickey leads the cornerstone ceremonies for the building of St. Theodore's first church in the Spring of 1925.

St. Theodore's
To Note 50th;
Much Help Needed

With July 1, 1974, marking the 50th year of St. Theodore's parish, Gates, plans are being made to create a "golden anniversary committee to work with the parish council.

All parishioners, past and present are invited to help out with the preparation for the upcoming celebration. Anyone wishing to help is asked to call Father Gerald Dunn, pastor, at the rectory, 168 Spencerport Rd., at 458-7846, or Costanzo Caruso, parish council president, at 247-2488.

A written history of St. Theodore's 50 years is in the works. Domenick White, vice-chairman of the education committee, is heading up the preparation of the history.

Old photographs, memorabilia and any other items of interest are needed. Anyone willing to offer these is asked to contact White at 647-1510.

sword, penetrates to the heart of the matter. The young man, having not the slightest suspicion of his ailment, went away sad. Why did he go away sad? Because he discovered a flaw in his character he never knew was there. He discovered he was a slave and not a free man, that he did not possess his possessions, but his possessions possessed him. He could not give them up.

So Christ said to him, "There is one thing more you must do. You must begin to see things aright, to see life as it really is, so that you will be able to break the hold of that which has hold of you."

The world, and all that is in it, is like a motel. A motel is only a sojourn on the road. The traveler knows he must go on. So he only uses the motel. He does not set his heart on it, no matter how sumptuously it may be furnished. Similarly, Christians are pilgrims, traveling through life on the way home. If they forget that, then earthly life can become to them of more value than eternal life.

Take any number of ciphers and arrange them in a line. No matter how long the line of ciphers, they will total absolutely zero unless a number is placed at the head of the line. That number is a significant figure: it gives value to all the ciphers. Without the number, the ciphers are nothing; with the number, each one of the ciphers increases tenfold. The wealthier a man is, the more intelligent, the more powerful, the more helpful and useful he is as a Christian — provided he sees life as it should be seen. The moment this insight or faith disappears, all these advantages are not only ciphers, but they are suddenly turned to danger. Satan's gifts help him to be a worse devil!

Suppose somebody comes looking for a job. Let us say she is an executive secretary. She scintillates: can type, take dictation, write letters, set up appointments, has the self-confidence of a lioness. You call up one employer. He refused to hire her. You call another and another and another. You get the same response. Finally you ask, "Isn't she a great secretary?" All will answer yes — but she is a trouble-maker. Wherever she goes, she disrupts the entire office. Her one lack vitiates all her good qualities. Her excellences simply render her more dangerous.

What matters then is not so much how good we are, but what we do about our weaknesses. One weakness unchecked made an apostle a Judas. I wonder whatever happened to the rich man: He came to Jesus glad, but went away sad. How sad to be so weak that our weakness rules us! Wisdom's answer is, "I prayed and prudence was given me" (R1).

KRAKOW TRAVELOGUE

Poland's ancient churches and castles and the modern life of Krakow are pictured in a Sister City travelogue prepared by Mayor Stephen May. The YMCA Travel Club will sponsor this presentation at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, in Todd Hall at the Central Y on Gibbs Street.

Charismatics List Prayer Meetings

The following is a list of meetings and Masses sponsored by area Catholics in the Charismatic Renewal.

Pentecostal meetings are held on Mondays at the homes of: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dunning, 159 Chestnut Ridge Rd., Chili Center; Mr. and Mrs. Klaus Schulz, 156 N. Greece Rd., N. Greece.

On Tuesdays, Mr. and Mrs. William Buechel, 3681 Lake Avenue, Rochester; Mrs. John Sherry, 15 Starlite Dr., Rochester; Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lynch, Hamlin-Clarkson, Town Line Rd., Hamlin.

On Wednesdays, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahaney, 479 Covewood Blvd., W. Webster.

On Thursdays, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hauser, 1570 Culver Rd., Rochester.

On Saturday evening, Mr. and Mrs. John Donnelly, 9 Ellicot St.,

Rochester; Mr. and Mrs. James Reid, 113 Amity St., Spencerport; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wollschleger, 350 N. Winton Rd., Rochester.

RETREAT SCHEDULE

Ten parishes have scheduled men's retreats at Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua, for the weekend of Oct. 12-14. Contact the following for information regarding retreats: Holy Ghost, L. Resch, 247-2648; Holy Cross, R. Abbey, 663-8233; St. Thomas the Apostle, E. Herzog, 342-2254; St. Philip Neri, J. Iannuzio, 288-3781; Church of the Annunciation, L. Simmons, 266-6627; Assumption, Fairport, M. Hogenes, 586-8164; Corpus Christi, rectory, 325-2424; St. Theresa, rectory, 546-3503; St. Mary, rectory, 232-2422; St. Nicholas, rectory, 467-8925.

Retreats may be arranged by calling the retreat house at 315-394-5700.

Weekly prayer meetings are held at St. Peter and Paul Church at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and at St. Theodore Church at 8 p.m. on Mondays.

Mass is celebrated at 8 p.m. every First Friday at St. Lawrence Church and at 7:30 p.m. on the last Thursday of the month at St. Charles Borromeo Church.

Persons wishing to be included in this list should contact Mrs. June Borreggine at 458-5365 or Mrs. Shelby Reid 352-4329.

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